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71/291. Strengthening the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 60/288 of 8 September 2006, 62/272 of 5 September 2008, 64/297 of 8 September 2010, 66/282 of 29 June 2012 and 68/276 of 13 June 2014,

Recalling also its resolution 66/10 of 18 November 2011,

Recalling further its resolution 70/254 of 12 February 2016,

Recalling its resolution 70/291 of 1 July 2016 and, in particular, paragraph 70 thereof,

Recognizing the importance of countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, and in this regard stressing the importance of an integrated and balanced implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[1] across its four pillars, reaffirming the principal responsibility of Member States for implementing the Strategy,

Recognizing also that due priority shall be given to counter-terrorism across the United Nations system,

Reaffirming that terrorism and violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group,

1. *Welcomes* the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,[2] and decides to establish the Office of Counter-Terrorism, in accordance with the competencies and functions set out in the report;

[1] Resolution 60/288.
[2] A/71/858.

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2. *Also welcomes* the initiative of the Secretary-General to transfer the current Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, together with their existing staff, as well as all associated regular and extrabudgetary resources, out of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, into the Office of Counter-Terrorism;

3. *Recognizes* the important work carried out by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, and emphasizes that the existing contribution agreements and the functions, chairmanship and composition of the Advisory Board of the Centre shall be maintained and that the budget and financial resources of the Centre shall be used only for its programme of work;

4. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure that the Office of Counter-Terrorism, to be headed by an Under-Secretary-General, is provided with adequate capacity and other resources for the implementation of its mandated activities.

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